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Attorney Docket No. 040679/1173

Applicant: Masahiro ARAI et al.
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING INTAKE AIR BY
VARIABLE VALVE TIMING
Serial No.: 09/727,554
Filed: December 4, 2000
Examiner: J. Corrigan
Art Unit: 3748

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Your Petitioner, NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD., having its principal place of business at 2, Takara-cho, Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 221-0023 Japan, represents that it is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/727,554, filed 12/04/2000, by virtue of an Assignment filed and recorded on 12/04/2000, on Reel/Frame 011320/0683, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a copy of which is attached hereto as APPENDIX A. Further, your Petitioner represents that it is the owner of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/727,789, filed 12/04/2000, by virtue of an Assignment filed and recorded on 03/19/2001, on Reel/Frame 011604/0962, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a copy of which is attached hereto as APPENDIX B.

Your Petitioner, NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD., hereby disclaims the terminal part of the term of any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application 09/727,554 which would extend beyond the full statutory term, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application 09/727,789, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on U.S. Patent Application 09/727,554 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application 09/727,789 shall be the same as the legal title to any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application 09/727,554, this agreement to run with any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application 09/727,554 and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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The undersigned, being the Attorney of Record for U.S. Patent Application 09/727,554, and duly authorized to act on behalf of Petitioner, certifies that he has reviewed the Assignments attached as APPENDICES A and B, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, legal title to U.S. Patent Application 09/727,554 and any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application 09/727,789 rests with Petitioner, NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD. The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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